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Stemm: Blood Scent

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When you listen to metal, you know that you're probably not going to get to hear new music on the radio. So that means that you've got to search internet radio and reviews to hear about anything new that you might want to listen to. Let me tell you about a band that you are going to want to listen to, **Stemm**. It's rare that I find a new band that I really enjoy listening to. Maybe I don't go out looking hard enough, but usually I just end up disappointed with newer music as a whole. Most times, I like one or two songs, but that's about it. That is definitely not the case with **Stemm: Blood Scent**.



I received this CD over 2 weeks ago. Since then, it has only left my car (where I listen to music the most) once, which was when I brought it in for this review. I can't really tell you how many times I have listened to it over and over without skipping any songs. That's a really amazing feat for me - even on my favorite bands I tend to skip a song or two. On **Stemm: Blood Scent**, I like every single song.

The CD starts off with its heaviest songs first. "Blood Soaked" and "House of Cards" are very strong openings. The music is very heavy, reminding me of the classic metal with heavy guitars, strong bass, and fast drums. The vocals are heavy, but you can understand all of the words. I hate having to go to the CD liner just to try and understand what a vocalist is saying. Of course, it's really good that I can understand it since the lyrics are a bit difficult to read. I love the way the end of their cover of "Wish," originally by Slayer, blended right into "Beneath My Skin." If you're going to cover a song, you had better make it at least as good as the original or make it your own, like Tori Amos did with "Reign in Blood." Granted, **Stemm** doesn't change the song very much, but they manage to make it their own by blending an ending to it into their own song. "Beneath My Skin" is my favorite song on the album, which is weird for me since I usually like the heaviest songs. It has such a smooth sound though that I love it. There is also a cover of "Beneath My Skin" as a hidden track at the end of "Casualty For Prayer." The acoustic version is my least favorite song on the album, not to mention I don't like the hidden tracks. It's just quiet time that I don't like fast-forwarding through. You should not fast-forward a CD!

As I said before, I have enjoyed every song on the CD. Even my least favorite song is good. If you like metal, any kind of metal, I am betting you will enjoy **Stemm**. If you have a chance, these guys are currently on tour, so if they come anywhere near you, go see them. You can listen to the music at their site on Myspace, so go check them out now.

-Cyn, GameVortex Communications All

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